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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 591

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 17, 2005

An act to add Section 6535 to the Government Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 591, as amended, Yee. Medi-Cal: local health authorities and commissions: joint powers agreements.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits.

Existing law provides for the establishment in a county of a health authority or commission to provide or contract for the provision of health care benefits to eligible persons. Existing law sets forth rules of governance for each health authority or commission so established and makes it a public entity for certain purposes.

Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to exercise any power common to the contracting parties.

This bill would require that any entity that is established pursuant to a joint powers agreement that is a health care service plan, where one party to the agreement is an entity established in a county to provide or contract for the provision of health care benefits to eligible persons, shall be subject to all of the same provisions ~~regarding~~, *including, but not limited to*, governance, public records requirements, open meeting

requirements, and conflicts of interest as is the entity that is a party to the joint powers agreement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6535 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 6535. Any entity that is established pursuant to a joint powers
4 agreement authorized under this article that is also a licensed
5 health care service plan, where one of the parties to the joint
6 powers agreement is an entity established pursuant to Section
7 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, or 14087.9605 of the
8 Welfare and Institutions Code, shall be subject to all of the same
9 provisions ~~regarding~~, *including, but not limited to*, governance,
10 public records requirements, open meeting requirements, and
11 conflicts of interest as is the entity established pursuant to
12 Section 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, or 14087.9605
13 of Welfare and Institutions Code, as applicable, that is a party to
14 the joint powers agreement.

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